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SUBJ: [REDACTED] SOUTHERN AFRICAN NATIONS FEEL UNREPRESENTED AND ANWANTED. (U)

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[REDACTED] HOW NATIONS IN THE SOUTHERN REGION OF AFRICA PERCIEVE THE OAU LEADERSHIP AND THE REGIONAL REPRESENTATION WITHIN THE OAU. [REDACTED]

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MARGINALIZATION OF THE SOUTHERN REGION
FOR ALMOST 8 YEARS THE CURRE NT SECRETARY-GENERAL WHO WAS FIRST AND FOREMOST SPONSORED BY THE SOUTHERN AND EASTERN REGIONS, WHAT HE HAS DONE FOR THE COMMITTED SOUTHERN REGION WHICH PAYS MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION REGULARLY IN ORDER TO REMOVE THE BIG REPRESENTATIONAL GAP COMPARED TO OTHER REGIONS? DURING HIS TERM OF OFFICE, SENIOR POSTS LIKE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, NEW YORK (P6); EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, GENEVA (P6); DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND CONFERENCES, ADDIS ABABA (P5); DIRECTOR, BRUSSELS OFFICE (P4) AND SEVERAL OTHER P4 POSTS LIKE HEAD OF CONFERENCE DIVISION ETC. FELL VACANT BUT HE NEVER THOUGHT OF THE SOUTHERN REGION WHEN HE WAS BEGGING CERTAIN COUNTRIES AND LEADERS TO GIVE HIM OFFOCERS WHOM HE PERSONALLY APPOINTED WITHOUT THE SO-CALLED PROCEDURES. IT IS ONLY RECENTLY IN 1996 THAT HE RECRUITED A SOUTH AFRICAN IN THE CONFLICT DIVISION THROUGH A LONG RECRUITMENT PROCEDURE! ARE PROCEDURES MEANT FOR SOME REGIONS AND COUNTRIES AND NOT OTHERS?
AFTER TWO TERMS OF OFFICE WHEREBY THE SECOND ELECTION WAS A MANOEUVRE A GAINST THE PROCEDURES LAID DOWN IN THE CHARTER, THERE ARE NO REASONS AT ALL TO HAVE A 3RD TERM FOR THE SAME SECRETARY-GENERAL. FOR THE 8 YEARS HE HAS BEEN IN OFFICE, HE HAS FAILED TO RESOLVE A SINGLE CONFLICT IN AFRICA. DURING THIS ERA OF DEMOCRATIZATION, THE OAU SHOULD TAKE A LEAD TO SET EXAMPLES TO CHANGE TOP LEADERSHIP AFTER EVERY TWO TERMS. IT

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HAS WORKED AT THE UN, IT SHOULD WORK AT THE OAU. FOR THE 5 REGIONAL ASSISTANT SECRETARIES GENERAL, THE SOUTHERN REGION ALREADY HAS A "GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT" OF TWO TERMS FOR EACH COUNTRY SO AS TO ROTATE THE OPPORTUNITY. THIS IS A GOOD EXAMPLE THAT SHOULD BE EMULATED ALSO FOR THE POSITION OF SECRETARY-GENERAL IN ORDER TO HAVE FAIR PLAY. THIS WILL ALSO INSTILL NEW THINKING IN THE ORGANIZATION.

THE CURRENT SECRETARY-GENERAL PREFERS ARABS TO BLACKS AS DEMONSTRATED IN MOST OF HIS DEEDS. FOR HIM IT IS ARAB FIRST AFRICA SECOND! WHEN KOFI ANAN WAS ELECTED TO THE TOP UN POST, THE CURRENT OAU SECRETARY-GENERAL HAS A HIGH FEVER SINCE HE WAS WAITING IN THE BACKYARD AS A COMPROMISE. HE WENT TO THE EXTENT OF EMBARRASSING THE DISTINGUISHED SON OF AFRICA, PRESIDENT NELSON MANDELA OF SOUTH AFRICA (AS IF HE HAD NO COUNTRY) TO ACHIEVE HIS SELFISHNESS AND THIRST FOR POWER. IT BOOMERANGED; NEITHER SOUTH AFRICA NOR HIS COUNTRY TANZANIA PRESENTED HIS CANDIDATURE. THE SAME MAN WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN PLAYING A DIRTY TRICK AGAINST DR M.T. MAPURANGA OF ZIMBABWE TO ENSURE THAT HE LOSES THE ACP SECRETARY-GENERALSHIP. HE NEVER WANTS A PERSON WHO HAS WORKED BELOW HIM TO RAISE OR BE FAMOUS UNLESS HE HUMILIATES THEM FIRST. IT IS HIS WEAKNESS. HE ENJOYS TO SEE OTHERS SUFFER.

INSPIRE OF THE PAIN AND HARDSHIP THAT THE REGION WENT THROUGH FOR THE FREEDOM STRUGGLE, THERE IS NO SINGLE REGIONAL OFFICE IN THE REGION TO SYMBOLIZE THE STRUGGLE AND AFRICAN UNITY. AFTER THE TOTAL LIBERATION OF AFRICA, MANY MEMBER STATES SUGGESTED TO TRANSFORM THE FORMER LIBERATION COMMITTEE OFFICE INTO A DIFFERENT ONE AND A MEMORABLE SYMBOL FOR THE FUTURE GENERATIONS OF AFRICA. STATEMENTS MADE BY HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT AT THE OFFICIAL VALEDICTION OF THE OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE IN ARUSHA, TANZANIA ON 16 AUGUST 1994, PARTICULARLY THOSE FROM THE SOUTHERN REGION SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. SURPRISINGLY, THE REGION WAS TAKEN FOR GRANTED, NOTHING WAS DONE ABOUT IT BUT BRAINSTORMING HAS BEEN GOING ON, ON SEVERAL OTHER ISSUES TO PLEASE THE SO-CALLED INFLUENTIAL COUNTRIES FOR SELFISH SUPPORT, BUT NOTHING FOR THE INTEREST OF THE SOUTH. AS A RESULT, THERE IS NO SINGLE OAU REGIONAL OFFICE IN THE WHOLE REGION. HOW CAN THE PEOPLE IN THE REGION FEEL THEY BELONG TO THE ORGANIZATION TO WHICH THEY FAITHFULLY CONTRIBUTE? HE HAS CLEARLY AND OPENLY DEMONSTRATED THAT HE NEEDS THE COUNTRIES IN THE REGION FOR HIS CONTINUOUS SELFISHNESS AND POWER MONGERING. FURTHERMORE, IT WAS SURPRISING HOW PRESIDENT MANDELA SINGLED-OUT SALIM TO BE SUPPORTED FOR THE UN

POST "BECAUSE OF WHAT HE CONTRIBUTED TO THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE"!

WHAT DID HE ACTUALLY DO? THERE IS A NEED FOR A BALANCE SHEET IN THIS

REGARD! IT WAS ANNOYING BECAUSE IF A LIST OF PROMINENT PERSONS THAT CONTRIBUTED TO THE STRUGGLE WAS TO BE DRAWN, SALIM'S NAME AS A PERSON WILL FEATURE NOWHERE. PERHAPS HIS NAME CAN COME

UNDER MASS ORGANIZATIONS, STUDENTS OR ORDINARY INDIVIDUALS. MORE PAINFUL IS THAT FREEDOM STRUGGLE IS A SACROSANCT MEMORY THAT SHOULD NOT BE MISUSED OR MENTIONED IN VAIN FOR PERSONAL GAINS. THE MAN IS AN INTRIGUE FELLOW WHO LIKES TO USE BIG NAMES FOR PERSONAL GAINS AND GLORY. THIS IS WHAT HE HAS BEEN DOING THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE. VARIOUS PERSONALITIES HAVE FALLEN VICTIMS OF HIS GAMES.

WHAT ABOUT HIS C.V.? THERE IS A NEED TO TAKE A LOOK AT IT AND FIND OUT WHETHER OR NOT HE ATTENDED THE MENTIONED UNIVERSITIES AND PERSONALLY SAT FOR AND PASSED THE EXAMS WHEN HE WAS A FULL TIME AND BUSY DIPLOMAT.

A MAN WHO HAS HANG-UPS OF SLAVERY AND BELIEVES THAT SLAVERY BROUGHT CIVILIZATION TO AFRICA AND THAT IT WAS A SOCIAL INTERACTION, THEREFORE IT SHOULD NOT BE SEEN IN A BAD WAY - AS HE PUBLICLY SPOKE DURING HIS PUBLIC LECTURE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KHARTOUM, SUDAN IN 1986, WAS ELECTED BLINDLY IN 1989 TO THE TOP AFRICAN POST AS THE PEOPLE OF AFRICA DID NOT KNOW THE INSIDE AND HIDDEN THINKINGS OF THE MAN. MISTAKES ARE MADE, BUT SHOULD NOT BE REPEATED.

A MAN WHO ORDERED THE DETENTION, FOR CHEAP REASONS, SINCE OCTOBER 1996 TO DATE IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY, OF HIS CABINET ATTACHE AND A MILITARY OFFICER HE BROUGHT FROM THE ARMY OF HIS OWN HOME COUNTRY, IS NOTHING BUT A TERROR UNWANTED FOR THE CORRECT IMAGE OF THE ORGANIZATION AND ITS LEADERSHIP.

IF A PARTICULAR COUNTRY DOES NOT WANT A PERSON INSIDE THE COUNTRY FOR ITS OWN POLITICAL PROBLEMS, THAT SHOULD NOT BE A REASON TO CONTINUOUSLY IMPOSE HIM ON OTHERS. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. THERE ARE SEVERAL ABLE AFRICANS, WELL EDUCATED, COMMITTED AND EXPERIENCED ENOUGH TO DO THE JOB. FIELDING THE CANDIDATE FROM THE SOUTHERN REGION SHOULD START NOW, SOONER THAN LATER. SHOULD THE REGION NOT BE READY TO PRESENT A CANDIDATE, IT SHOULD SUPPORT AN AFRICAN WHO IS SINCERELY AND DEEPLY COMMITTED

IN DEEDS, THINKING AND WILL TAKE CARE OF THE SOUTHERN INTERESTS AND NOT THE PRESENT ARTIFICIAL AFRICAN SHADOW. THE SOUTHERN REGION SHOULD BE CAREFUL WITH ANY ACTION TAKEN BY THE PRESENT SECRETARY-GENERAL BETWEEN NOW AND JUNE 1997 IN ORDER TO PLEASE THE COUNTRIES AND LEADERS. THAT WILL NOT BE SINCERE, BUT A BLACKMAIL. WHY NOW AND NOT BEFORE?

WE APPEAL TO THE AMBASSADORS RESIDENT IN ADDIS ABABA, THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INDEED THEIR EXCELLENCIES THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT FROM THE SOUTHERN REGION OF AFRICA TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER THE ABOVE CONCERNS IN THE INTEREST OF THE ORGANIZATION.

CONCERNED AFRICANS FROM THE SOUTHERN REGION.

TO; ONLY! ALL THE MEMBER STATES OF THE SOUTHERN REGION OF THE OAU - FEBRUARY 1997. END QUOTE.

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